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#### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

# LT. GOVERNOR NORTON'S SCHEDULE October 4-8, 2004

DENVER – Lieutenant Governor Jane Norton will attend the following events:

#### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 4**

10:30 a.m. Fire Prevention Week Press Conference, Colorado Springs Fire Department Headquarters, 375 Printers Parkway Colorado Springs

As lead on the Governor's Commission on Community Service, Norton oversees the State's Americorps program and community preparedness efforts. Norton, along with USDA Rural Development and the Colorado Division of Fire Safety will celebrate Fire Prevention Week with the theme, "Test Your Smoke Alarm," and will also be presenting rural fire departments with a total of \$111,830 in USDA Rural Development Community Facility Grants funded through the Bush Administration.

# **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5**

9:30 a.m. Head Start Meeting Office of the Lt. Governor, Colorado State Capitol Building Room 130

Norton to meet with chair of the Head Start Association to receive update on Head Start activities in the State and discuss early childhood education issues with members of the Head Start Association in line with her offices' duties in administrating the Head Start grant.

3: 15 p.m. F-16 Flight, Buckley Air Force Base

Norton will sit as co-pilot on F-16 ride at Buckley.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

10:00 a.m. Space Memorandum of Understanding Press Conference, Room 103 El Pomar Center University of Colorado at Colorado Springs

As Colorado's delegate to the Aerospace States Association, Norton will discuss the importance of this educational facility for the Colorado Aerospace industry.

#### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7**

9:30 a.m. Mental Health Awareness Press Conference, Colorado State Capitol Building, West Foyer

Norton will sign a special mental health flag to support mental illness awareness. The flag, designed by Kristy Worthen, a bipolar disorder patient, is on tour as part of the national initiative sponsored by the National Lieutenant Governor's Association (NLGA) and the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI). The original hand-painted flag was designed by Kristy to draw attention to the need for improvement in the lives of people with mental illness through access to accurate information, resources and appropriate medications.

12:00 p.m. County Veteran Service Officer Training Luncheon, The Retired Enlisted Association, Chapter 1, 834 Emory Circle, Colorado Springs

Norton to offer keynote address to an estimated 65 County Veteran Service Officers (CVO) focusing on the importance of CVO positions in the counties of Colorado. CVO's are the first contact for veterans and their families filing claims with the state and federal government. Norton will also address the importance of veteran's trust fund grants to assist veterans in their counties.

2:00 p.m. Veterans Grant Announcement, 415 South Weber Street, Colorado Springs

Norton and the Colorado Board of Veterans Affairs will present two veterans groups with \$50,000 each in support of veterans programs.

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

11:30 a.m. Denver Metro Chamber Foundation Luncheon, 1445 Market Street

2:00 p.m. Meet with Colorado Junior Miss Contestants, Office of the Lt. Governor, Colorado State Capitol Building, Room 130

Norton to meet with 8 contestants of the Junior Miss program and welcome them to the Capitol.

Jane Norton was sworn in as Colorado's 46<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Governor on January 13, 2003. Her responsibilities include serving as the chair of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs; acting as point person for the Owens Administration on health insurance reform; strengthening families by promoting adoption, early childhood care and education efforts/initiatives, mentoring and volunteerism; and serving as Colorado's delegate to the Aerospace States Association.